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## Begin Now To Plan For 1914

IN 1914 we shall be receiving benefits from the stored water behind the big dam. That will be the suitable time for a big fair and celebration to mark the opening of the project. The nature of the undertaking is such that it will not be necessary to wait for completion before the benefits become available. Water will be stored as soon as the dam lifts its head above the river bed, and very soon thereafter it will be possible to supplement the natural flow of the river in the canals with the stored supply. It is safe to say that the project will be far enough along by the fall of 1914 to justify holding the big inauguration exposition then.

It is not too early to begin active and definite preparations for this great event. The exposition must be international, broadly planned, and it will be possible, if we go at the matter right, to obtain the financial cooperation of both the national governments concerned in the project. It must be lifted above the plane of a mere local entertainment. The opening of the Rio Grande project will itself mark the permanent settlement of a serious international dispute which grew in bitterness through half a generation. No game could be more fitting for a great demonstration of international significance.

It is customary on the occasion of great expositions and public celebrations to spend enormous sums in temporary buildings, flimsy arches, pasteboard monuments, and red fire. Let us take a hint from Mexico in time, and spend our money in permanent improvements, beginning now. The first great undertaking should be a bridge or series of bridges across the Rio Grande at this point, bridges at least 70 feet wide, artistic in design, built of reinforced concrete, and beautifully lighted; let there be competition among architects and engineers for the contracts, and a competent board to pass upon the proposals. It will be as easy to do it right as to do it wrong, if we only get started along proper lines. It is too fine an opportunity to let pass, and above all let us make the bridges permanently beautiful as well as useful. These bridges can be made notable monuments.

Then provision should be made, beginning now, for a group of permanent buildings at the fair grounds, to house the annual or permanent international exposition in years to come. It will take all of the four years to work out the plans and finance them. If we begin active work right now we can no more than have the buildings ready by the fall of 1914.

Let us not overestimate our resources or look to an excessive rate of growth. The prophecies of many have been sadly disappointed in this census year, and there is no reason to expect the sensational expansion some predict; El Paso will have a splendid growth, safe and sure, and will become stronger as the years pass and more able to finance her plans, yet it must be obvious to all thinkers that this city will have demands upon her purse during the next five years that will prevent her accumulating any substantial surplus for extraordinary uses. Therefore the only way we can hope to carry to successful completion this plan for a big celebration and exposition in 1914 is to start now to finance it, arrange for monthly payments extending over the whole period intervening, distribute the burden widely, and thus provide a large working fund without unduly taxing anybody.

The monumental bridges and the permanent fair buildings—let these things be kept before us as the goal of our plans for 1914. The characteristic El Paso way will be to wait until the last 90 days and then work like a stoker on a loco with leaky flues, with resultant excess of cost and falling short in results. Why not, for once, be forehanded and do the sensible thing by planning ahead? The Herald, as always, is alert to the need and the opportunity, and does not purpose to share the blame for delay, neglect, or failure. The time to begin active preparations for 1914 is now—the date is open so far, so let us seize it and make a big noise. Then to make good.

If consistency is a jewel, persistency ought to be a whole jewelry store.

The American eagle is the best friend a man ever had—provided it is located properly, on the reverse side of one of U. S. Sam's coins.

Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, says a insurgent is a progressive who has exceeded the speed limit. Some of the worst ones are going to take a roll in the dust some of these days, too.

Aviatress is what you call a woman who flies. It comes from Paris and is authentic. This merely defines who rides in an aeroplane, however.

Just think of the fickleness of Fate! Senator Aldrich is having a hard time this year to send his own choice to the senate as his successor. A few years ago he could have put on a crown and the Rhode Islanders would have howl towed.

## Fewer Births In France

IN a general way we all have knowledge of the fact that the birth rate in France is decreasing, but few have any definite conception of the problem confronting that nation. There are twice as many births per 1000 of the population in Germany as there are in France. In the year 1814, when France was torn by war and her armies under Napoleon were attempting to resist the coalition of all Europe, there were 220,000 more births in France than there were in the year 1909, although the population increased more than one-third in the century. A recent French commentator holds that the cause is not physiological, and that it is not in the decrease of the number of marriages, but is to be found in legislation that places the married man at a disadvantage. Napoleon exempted young married men from military service and thus brought about an increase of 100,000 births in a single year.

In the United States it is safe to say that the birth rate tends to decrease among those classes of the population best fitted to rear children, and to increase or at least remain at a high rate among those least fitted to rear children. The decreasing birth rate is not in this country at the present time a matter to worry over very greatly, but the problem of rearing the children of the prolific classes in good health and vigor, and the problem of educating them into useful citizenship are among the gravest facing the nation.

The mayor probably thinks that with fewer policemen there will be less danger of the officers interfering with each other while dodging burglars.

Reginald Vanderbilt was ill for 15 days and got \$10,000 worth of flowers, while the babies died in New York for want of clean air and wholesome milk.

Astronomers report that a hairy, blue cap is sitting on the south pole of Saturn. It may be Dr. Cook's shadow or something like that. Who knows?

The world can rest easy, without any further shock, until John D. Rockefeller is arrested again for auto speeding, for Edna Goodrich has gone back to Nat Goodwin and all is serene. No fifth Mrs. Goodwin yet awhile.

A St. Louis young woman, who taught Chinese men in a Methodist Sunday school and soon fell under the influence of a Chinese chop suey restaurant man in the redlight district, has been arrested with her little sister in rooms over the restaurant, at the instance of her brother. She had been trying to get her young sister to marry a Chinese; she herself, a divorcee, merely "had rooms on the third floor of the building, while the Chinese lived on the second floor." Parents of young girls will do well to keep them strictly out of the Chinese Sunday school business. The Elsie Sigel case in New York is not forgotten.

## UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

THE bums stood up, a dismal row, before the solemn judge, and when they told their tale of woe, he simply answered "Fudge!" Poor victim of the world's abuse, dyed in misfortune's vat! And as each muttered his excuse, the jurist murmured "Rats!" Perhaps the narratives were true told by these waifs and strays; it matters not, for each one drew ten dollars or ten days. I watched them shamble from the court as they had shambled in; the youthful bo and aged sport, the gent who smelled of gin. "Poor floater on the human stream!" I moralized aloud: "Each hobo had his youthful dream—each bum in all the crowd. 'Morning seemed serene to him, and full of promise fair; and then the light of hope grew dim, and storm clouds filled the air. And the darkness shade, pursued by fat police? Was there a voice, when first his feet from virtue wandered wide, to cheer, encourage or entreat, to counsel or to guide? We put the broken bums in lock—twere better had we tried to show them paths wherein to walk before they wandered wide. I pity them in all their woes, these homeless, friendless jays!" The jurist, dozing, murmured low: "Ten dollars or ten days!"

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## Married Life the First Year

No. 12 By Mabel Herbert Urner

"WELL, they've put up my name for the Carlton club."

"Oh, Warren?"

"Why?" sharply. "What's wrong with that?"

"Nothing—only you belong to two clubs already."

"Well, is there any law against my belonging to three?"

"No—of course not—only it takes you away so many evenings."

"Well, you don't expect me to be tied down here every night and never go anywhere, do you? A man has some social obligations in a business way. You seem never to understand that. This club will be an excellent business asset. I'll be thrown with a lot of men that may be mighty useful to me later on. I should think you'd be glad of my opportunities—glad that I have a chance to get on—instead of always trying to drag me back."

"Then don't make a fuss."

"I don't drag you back Warren, and I think it's most unjust of you to say that."

"Well, you should have married some mollycoddle who would have toasted his feet before the fire every night and let you purr over him."

"Oh, Warren—don't say such things! You know how they hurt."

"Then don't you make such a fuss when I say I've been put up for one of the best and most influential clubs in town? Why? You wouldn't understand if I explained. But it simply goes to show how well I stand with some of the members. Why, I happen to know personally that Fred Hutchins has been on the waiting list there for two years—and he's worth half a million."

"But how—how can they do that if there are so many waiting?"

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## Great Britain's Internal Strife and the Political Unrest Of Germany

THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR REMOTE.

GREAT Britain, after a season of comparative quiet, is again perturbed by a German war scare, second in magnitude only to that great panic which followed the revelations concerning the German naval program early last year. That now historic panic was not the result of irresponsible agitation, nor of yellow journalism, but resulted from the solemn announcement by the government that the German empire had secretly accelerated its naval program, and was launching Dreadnoughts and all-big-gun cruisers much more rapidly and much more frequently than the British had suspected. The result was a mad quickening of the British naval activity, the immediate augmentation of the Dreadnought building program, the announcement of the inauguration of colonial navies and more taxes.

The manner in which the government, then as now under control of the Liberal party, levied these taxes caused the British people to forget the insidious danger of foreign war in class and clamor of a great domestic political battle. The government in the Lloyd-George budget sought to change the methods of taxation by introducing the principles of taxation of land values and of the unearned increment in land. It also increased the taxation on such luxuries as spirits and automobile fuel, and it added to the income tax a super-tax which fell only upon the very wealthy.

Land Owners Want Big Navy. The cry for the increase in the navy had come from the wealthy and the landed gentry, but they were much unwilling to submit to increased direct taxation to meet the financial requirements of a two-keel-to-one-gun policy. They presented a counter proposition, advocating that the required additional revenue should be raised by tariff taxation, an indirect method. They asserted that this not only would not increase the cost of living, but would also be a protective stimulus to the islands by affording protection against the cheaper products of other countries. Having back to the ancient system of protection, they asked that a system of protective stimulus not alone to British manufacturers, but also to British landowners, since the scheme included a tariff tax on wheat and other foodstuffs. The fact that Great Britain cannot produce more than one-fourth of the grain necessary to feed its people was circumvented by a proposal to give the British colonies a preferential tariff on wheat and wheat at a lower duty than that of foreign countries. But in any event the proposed reform included the substitution of a tax on bread for the intended land tax. Everybody eats bread, and very few people in England own land.

The New Taxation System. The ensuing struggle between the two parties ended in the election last January of a house of commons in which the Liberal government remained in power by virtue of a more or less precarious coalition with the Labor party and the Irish Nationalists. The new taxation system, now bowed to the will of the people and the new system of taxation became the law of the land. On account of the great task of assessing the land values, something not attempted in England in centuries, the

does that mean? He is running away. Quick as lightning Abdullah was after the boy and overtook him in a moment. The astonished boy did not understand what was happening. He saw Abdullah throw the boy, force him to say something in Arabian and then to change clothes with him. When he had put on all the other's filthy rags, he started. "I take the master's horse," he rushed faster than any mule. Send for help immediately, alarm the whole town, they have kidnapped the little lady. I am after her in these rags but they may take me for their own messenger.

He rode away without any saddle, as his ancestors had ridden before him, holding between his teeth his father's dagger. His intention was to overtake the kidnappers before they could change horses at the old Moorish palace, as the boy had told him they would. He rode like a mad man until he was dropped, with exhaustion, but he ran on afoot.

At last he saw the old palace. Three mules were standing at the door. Crawling on his hands and knees he reached the mules and discovered that the two mules were carrying some kind of a cage. He cut the tethers of the two mules and ran to the third, on the back of which the weeping girl was tied.

In a moment he had cut the ropes and she was free. He held her in his arms and she sobbed. "Ride down the hill," he whispered, "and do not look behind you." He put a whip into her hand. "They cannot follow, but ride fast as you can."

"I am afraid to ride alone, Abdullah."

"I will stay here to protect you, ride."

The sound of the mules galloping down the hill sent the two men rushing out of the palace. Then there was a crash, a steel, loud howls, and a little figure seen fighting like a demon. A cry of pain, the boy fell backward and the mule made a dash for the mules, but the girl was no more in sight.

Three hours later the painter and his daughter were bending over a bleeding boy outside the old palace.

"Abdullah! Dear Abdullah, open your eyes. Talk to me," the girl sobbed.

Her golden curls fell around his dark head as she bent over him to catch his whispered words.

"Little lady, it has all come true now."

"What has come true, Abdullah, dear?"

He looked from the setting sun to one of the golden locks he was holding in his hand. "I am going to my kingdom," he whispered. "The last prince of the sun is dying in a beggar's rags with gold in his hand—and his memory will be cherished forever." He finished slowly with his last breath.